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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

A Notice of Appeal was filed on November 4, 2002, and a brief was due on January 4, 2003. A fourmonth extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a) for filing the Appeal Brief, and to accept the enclosed Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation in the amount of \$ 1440 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation.

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